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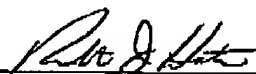
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SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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This Substance of Interview is in response to the Office Action Interview Summary mailed December 1, 2009. During the phone interview on November 25, 2009, the applicant and the Examiner discussed a proposed amendment to claim 1 and how it relates to a rejection under 35 USC 101 and the cited references, Sanchez-Laser and Hunt. The proposed amendment was submitted later that same day, on November 25.

To overcome the 35 USC 101 rejection, the amended claim now states, "assembling the plurality of components to produce the product," which explicitly provides a "transformed article." Also, the expression, "'via a/the computer system" has been added to certain elements of the claim.

To overcome the rejections pertaining to the cited art, the applicant made the following points:

- 1) Being in the field of education, Sanchez-Lazer's product is a test, whereas the applicants' method performs a test on a product.
- 2) The product of Hunt et al is a meter or test device, as opposed to appending a test to a product.
- 3) Applicant noted that Sanchez-Lazer and Hunt were apparently found using the keywords, "test" and "product" in a keyword-based patent search, as opposed to being found in the target relevant classification of Class-705. Word-based searches have their limitations, e.g., they can't distinguish words of the same spelling but with different meanings (is "test" a noun or verb).
- 4) Amended claim 1 now recites "operability test result" as opposed to an educational or quiz-like test for testing knowledge.

The Examiner indicated the claims would be reconsidered after receiving the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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